

ATTACHMENT A: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION ON CSU'S PROPOSED BS IN NEUROSCIENCES

This supplemental information is unrelated to the proposed degree's fit with the institution's statutory role and mission. The following is summarized from CSU's proposal:

EVIDENCE OF NEED

The neuroscience major is likely to attract the same type of undergraduate as the biochemistry major, since the first two years are very similar and the upper division courses have the same rigor. Based upon this comparison, we anticipate the admitted students will have an average index score of about 118 with more than 20% qualifying for the honors program. This estimate was confirmed by results from a student survey in which students were asked several questions concerning a new neuroscience major. The survey was administered and results compiled by Student Voice, an independent organization. Responses were received from 307 CSU undergraduates majoring in Biochemistry (29), Biology (116), Biomedical Sciences (82), Psychology (72) and open option students (8) in CNS and CVMBS. Of these students, 22.4% are in the university honors program and of the 143 respondents (46.6%) who would have elected the neuroscience major if it had been available to them, 28.3% were honors students. Over 93% of the respondents who would have picked the neuroscience major plan to seek advanced degrees, another indication of the high quality of students this major would attract. Slightly over 20% of the survey respondents were out of state students and about an equal percentage of both in state and out of state residents would have selected the major if had been available to them. Thus, without advertising or promoting the major, it is as attractive as any current ones to out of state students. However, given the fact that no other nearby state offers a neuroscience major, we could capitalize on this fact to target out of state students and increase this percentage.

DUPLICATION

Department staff note that University of Colorado Boulder offers a B.A. in Neuroscience.